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$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { cording to the provisions of the law, that in } \\ \text { bringngs this suit he bad oot been actuated by a }\end{array}\right.$ $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { bringing bis suit he bad not been actuated by a } \\ & \text { leeting of cuicanery or revenge, and thal he did }\end{aligned}\right.$ not clasn more than was due to him. Par
oath.
Aufidus Namusa then told him to state his clamm and to show Cecilus his regisier. These
two formalties haviog been complied wutb, the pretor iortited Cecilius to declare whether be acknowledged the debr.
state upon $¥$ that grounds.
Slate upon wiat grounds. $\quad$ Cecilus admitted that te owed ten thousand sestertii to Gurges; but remarked that be could not understand why Gurges should bare frans. ierred his clain to Parmenon, unless it were
througo motives of revenge because Ceciha bad refised to marry bim.
This, argument had litlle weight in law;
Dico; sadd the pretor, whuch was afiring 'Dico, sard the pretor, whuch, was ahirsing
Parmenon's sight. .Consequeatly, he contioued.
 Parmenon case. 'I don't understand,' faltered Cecilius, rolling lis ear between his hiogers-a arap embal
people have had from times immemoral. 'You don't understand!' quote Parmeno brutally as be retired. ' 1 l means that if ty to. morrow you lave not paid me ten thousand ses-
terti, I stall put mp hand on your turic, and you will belong to me
Cecilius begar to comprehend, but ten thousand sestertia are no small sum for a poor man to
find, and the wretched tax.gatherer saw no issua find, and the mre.
to bis dilemma.
'This Parmenon has gained his surt rery
easilg' remarked a stranger who bad followed easif, remarked arstanger who las walking by be side of Cecilius! 'Marcu Rerwulus slirus. ged his shoulders when he beard the judg
ment.? ment.'
Cecturs
heard the remark and conceived a
: Who is this Marcus Regulus, and what did be say $1^{1}$ a : :ced the unfortunate suitor, approach-
iog tipe stranger.
Marcus Regulus s the first lavyer of Rome. repled the latter; ' and te was saping that $h$ away his reeister witbout obtaning anythang.' Indeed exclaimed Cecilius ; 'Marcus 'Yes, there he is, amidst that group
leaders. I mould adrise to speak to hum pleaders. I would addise to speak to him ;
w.ll give gou some means of escaping from Pa menon's clutches:' said the stranger, pointung this by plep un, on his ssiue, lad lost nothing
Cecilius went straght up to Marcus Regulus,
to whom be explained bis case in a fev mords, to whom be explained bis case in a few words, askiog him wheerer there was any $m$ m
tionne a reversion of the jutgment.
 ulus, 'I thiok we mas find some remedy. But at present, is youst Come to see me to mor. $\underset{\substack{\text { now } \\ \text { Ribe } \\ \text { C }}}{ }$
Cecilus turned his stens bonemard, Feltug a title easier in mond. But the poor fellow had not seen the end of his treables. Wand he ar-
sived home be found a communction from the City Prefect, enjoioing him to explain bis suspected effiliation winh the Jews or Chrsithas of
Capena Gate : then a summons from the Council Capena Gate; then a summons from Ihe Counc
of the Pontuffs, to answer an accustion of sacrilege based on the fact that the little god Juga tinus bad been found lying br
bibh mad , In front of his hevs.
Couid it be that some officious neighbor, hav ing collected those mutiated fragments, bad
really caried them to the Pontifis, and io bis $10-$
dignation, had brought this accusation against
Cecilius? or did the blow come from a band Cecilius? or did the blow come from a band
more directly poterested in bis ruin? more directily Interested in bis ruin ?
The unforluaate man did not even think of
propoudding to bimself these questions, overconut

 was lose his stitation, and, what was still more
serious, to be accused of sacrilege before the serious, to be accused of sacrilege before
Pontifs court !
"Cectla? he cried, in a roice of thunder

 sence. Since the scene withessed by Gurges,
she tad pot lef the house. Her father tad for bidden it. Cecilius bad ascertaned with-
out diffeuty that, ns alleged, bis daughter was a $^{\text {ant Cbristian, that she mas about to marry a }}$ Jew, and that old Petronlla bad been the cause
of all this trouble. He He mas frioss $:$ Watof alit this rouble, He was harious, what
 deppised of men ; and he foresam the mostortune likely to happen to him, the geat of the taw

their sacrilegious and spipous cieed
He bad therefore sigulied to his daughter that she must give up ter new faith, or he would
compel ber eren if he bad to use the extraordinary pomer conferred bp the law to its fullest exlent. Meanwble be placed ber uoder the closes surveillance, to ire rent any communca.
tion betreen her and those who, in bis yudgment had caused her ruin.
Wher to a ctacte of came derible excolement.
'Wretched child!' be cried, '
he fruts of sour infanous conduct
And he showed her the writ in Parmenon's anre, the citaion to appear before the Pontif's
 daoger, because my daughter has father and ter gods!.... Come, Ceeilia, hav
pou reflected ? For pou must speak now! Will pou renounce that abomamable creed ?

How, my dear father, could the sacrifice mp laith save youl would gour mistortunes if
they exsts, be remedied?
f?f hey ent 'If they exist Great Gods! Hive I in' No, father! but it is not you they threaten, How is that?
The Citr Prefect will not displace gou when ou will have told him that rour daughter alon
a Christar. The Pontifs will not punisl gou, but me, when they learu that I broke the And Parmeron?
(2)renon will bare no power when lis clain

Bat sfied. Hercules! the grrt has a charming, eass

 Idous Jews this is! They hare a ready answer
for the most dificult
questions! Unfortunate child !' added the father, adiressing his daughter
 ill abure at the eat of the Pontifl

- Fatter,' sald Cechla, in a firm and respect

an What !...' you would persist in this namous reed, at ite risk of destroying your own pros rects, and, what you do nol seent to care muc, bects, an, the rists of consumating rour falter's,
bout, suin, and
his Ife :
'It wo 'It mould be a dreadtul thing, 0 my father Would be for me a source of eserlasting sor-
ow, il I should be the cause of pour misfortuase
out.
And ? $?$ asted Cecilius, trembing with fear
'father, take my life....t beloposs to you
.and I would be bappy te lap it down ior
Ceciluse pale wilh rage, was fearful to behold Ie raised his hand' as if to strike ot curse hs zughter! But a sudden thougbt made him You are no longer my daughter!' be ex camed rehemenilp; ; oo, by all the pods;
sown you! Bail I stall crusb pou, as I crus this rase which, like you, st mine! ',
And seizing an amphora upon the table be thed it on the floor
'Father, father!? 'said Cecilia imploringly. What is it you wish to say? that pou re thion $\urcorner$ asked Ceclius looking at her rith a
 he fell, sobbing bitterly, on a seat. Her father cast on her a glane foll of sadness
nd bitter sortow, and left ber without speakiog anditter sor:ow, and left ber winhout speakiog - Thimelf: coosultation with Marcus Regulus is more necessary than ever.'
chapter v. -a legal consultation.
Marcus-Atlius Regulus possessed more wealtb hann many illustrious patricaus. In bis pouth, purpose of learning whether he would ever possess sisty millons segtertii ; and he otten related mself, bow, on that occassion, the entrails of the victims happening to be double, he had un-
derstood Itis omen to mean that this romenene Wm was twice promised to him.
He hat, in fact, accumulat
istinct periols
Duriog the first, which exlends fron Nero, relgn to those of Vespasian and Titus, he serreed
his apprenticeship in those crimes wiuch subse queally moo tim such uneriable fame.
His father, bavished by Claudus or by Nero, haviog left bim an patrimony, he had lell at an early age the thrist for blood and the insatiabie pramiorum,'s sags Tactus with ioimitable force of sifle-and be bad inaugeraled bis entract dious murders perpetrated by Nero unoo his accuastions.
These murders were those of Marcus Licenus Crassus, great-grand-son of the famous oritor, who was also one of the wealthest citizens o
Rome during the last pears of the repubbic ; and Rome during the last years of the republic ; and
of Camerinus and Salvidienus Orphtus ybout whose rank and quality litte is sand by the big

Thans.
The accusation against Crassus brought Regulus seven millton sestertii; those againgt with the questorstip and the sacerdotal dignity.
During the second period, which emprises
the relgs of Yespasian and Titus, niformers ere iooked upon with disfaror. Regulus en was crusted :ader the burning words of Curtu Montanus, and gonominously expelled from tha Nusirious boly.
He returned
He relurned to the bar where shone such men as Satrius Rufus, Pompeius Saturnnus. Sup
onnus the author of the life of the ' Twelve
Cxars,' Salvius Loheralis, Cornelus Tacituc lie great historiain, Caius Fronto, 'Tusclius No
minatus, Claudius Restitutus, and Pling the
Younger, the grentest orator amiong them.
We neeci not say that Regalus was despised
his collengues.
Maring the third period-Domitian's relgnand spp. It was not, however, by acting ecret denunciations and dark undertakiogs thin e endeavored to win Domitian's favor.
He vied in infamous zesl with Metiws Carue He vied in infamous zesi with Metius Carue,
vile informer, but less dangerous than Regulus, Vile informer, but less dangerous than Repulus, petition.
Herennus Senecionus baving been condemned and put to dealh hrough the accusations of Metius Carus, simply because he had puln
gized Helvidus Priscus, the son in law of Thra gized Helvidus Priscus, the son in lam of Thra
seas, and one of Nero's rictims, Regulus, jealous of having had no share iu so meritorious a denun of having hav no share in so mempted to connect himself with it by
But his rival could not bear thes interfereoce ad chected him in the mudst of his facile triumph, with this lerrible aposirnhbe:
have you to do with my dead ? Have jou seen mave you to do with my dead? Hape you seen Marcus Regulus was certainly, as one of his wo-legged animals-' omniure bipedum nequissimus. He was also the most skitiful of plotters.
We have already seen how he had woven a web around Flavius Clemens, the Grend-Vestal and Metellus Celer. He had found a most useful or in the loquacious Entrapeles, in whose sto oformation.
The conversation between Gurges and Eutra-
les, overheard by Regulus from bis huding place the barber's 'tepadarium, had admirably erved bis purpose, for he had acquired the cerCrraining reiations mith the Jews of Capena the name of the young girl through whom it
would be easy - so be thought. at least-to pene trate the mysteries be was so ansious to dis-
cover. But before ull, be must hare the girl io has others, it was nothrog for a tactician like Marc Regulus. His plan mas promptly conceived, and be made the most of every circumstance
mentioned by the vespillo. He magioed, first, to bring forward Parmenon, 10 order that out resources must fear for bis libertp.
Then he completed his plan of campaig, agaiost the poor tax.gatherer by the Prefect's: letter and the citation before the Pootiff's court, lor, the reader must have surmised it, these do-
cuments foudd by Cecilius on his retura home uments fouod by Cecilius on his return hom He it was who bad sent the offirious stranger the forum to lend the defeated pleader 10 be sare, by showing bum Marcus Regulus a e only man who could save him from Parmen-
Marcus Regulus now felt sure that Cecilius would come, and he was confidenily expecting
him, when his nomenclator introduced Ceclia's
unbappry fatber in his exedra or consul:ation
room. oom
A siogle wiodew admitted the light in this arered seats or beds for the ristors. The purple ngles were occapied by the brazen stat four pollo, the god of eloquence and poetry; of Hercules, the emblear of strength; and of Cu d, the god of love and the emblem of literary
Above the seats and runnug up as bigh as the little balls, some gilded and the others suraply made of wood, of bonp, ar of born. These winply
he bosses or ' umbilici of the bore heir ' scrina' or 'foruli,' cylnodrical cases, with ound holes in the top into which the rolumes, $G$ gen,
Generally, these 'scrima' were placed on their ad, around the room, but Regulus had adopted hoss, and which consisted in the culting small square compartments or pigenn-holes, in the
Inckness of the wall, into which the 's scrina, re placed horizontally.
The number of books contained to these sests quite considerable and bad been collected at of the gurisconsult, the eloquent lawyer, and the riter; and the ch
The table placed in the centre of the exedra encered with briefs and documents, with
$x$ tiblets and styles for tiking notes; witi sheets of mipyrus for wriung petithons and pleadings. There could ens; the small cglindrical rases containing a gumny preparation for connecting together the
papyres shieets. The rollers or sticks were piled bere, ready to recesse the completed manuscrints and therr umbilici.
the exedra, the lamyer anuscripts; but an oblique plance thrown on is ristor was sufficient to identify the Jalter. n imperceptible smile lighted his features.
' What is it? What do you want $?$ ' be arked eignngat first not to recognze Ceciltis ; then be me pesterday, conceraing one Parinenon.

- Yes, sir,' replied Cecilus ; ' bat snnce gester. day, mp po
dica'lon.'
How is that?' asked the lawyer. 'What Cecilius handed hum the Prefect's letter and the Cecilius handed hum


## Regulus fergned to read the two documents

This is anthing,' he remarked to Cecilus
pause, and he crumpled the Prefect's le r; 'I am particularly acquanted with Hono rom me, the matter will be dropped. But this much more serious,' be added, palting his fore citation. 'Is this cbarge 'Unfortunately, it is,' faitered Cecilius.However, it was not I, but my daugilter who 'Your daughter lives with you, and under rour paternal authority?' asked the lawyer wit pecultar emphasis,

Of course she does,' 'repled Ceciluas.
Then, it amounts to the same
the same as if you had commatted the sacrilege pourself: 'Qua vor tua tanquam fliii, sicuti filii ia therq figurative stylle? - By Jupiter! Is it possible ?' exclamed the -Dis you nut understand the quotation? Well, let us put 'manus' in the prace of 'vox,' and the meaning will be : ' that thy hand is like the hand
of thy son, ond the band of thy son like thin Is llis clear? And what is the penalty ?
But, Marcus Regulus, thiols he time bad not come to satisfy bis client o his point, replied by pulting this other ques And what was the motive for this sacri

## My daughter is a Caristian

 Regulus waughter is a Cbristian!" exclaumed his is setious ! very serions ! I uaderstand now now if he Messio's letter - and [ don' s 1 boned. No, it is scarcelp probable. Let see, however,' be resumed, 'the case may not e so bad after all. If your daughter would re ounce this infamous superstition, I am sure thePontiff : could pronounce themselves satisfied. ontiffs could pronounce them?
Have you tried to persuade ber?
-Alas? yes,' replifed the unhappy fathor de
ctedly; 'but I hare:not succeeded.

C You must try agaia, and, by the most ener-
eetic meansi' suggested Reguius, , wo before proceeding fo
Yet; he knew that the Christians Lad never time he had been \& witness to their contempt for By the gods! I mill do it' and Cealier 4 By the gods! I will do it, nald Ceeilius,
mag they grant me better success! .... But mas they grant me better snccess : :
his canoot be! It rs yseless to hope! er, is there no other means?
COn! 'here are always meanos,' said Regulus.
But there are some means which are too harsh for a tather to use, homever inevitable they may
be,' he added with deep commiseration. . "And what meang are those?
'And what means are those?'. utquir
retched man, overcome by his anguish.
'There is the noxal abandonment,' replied the

'The law is not so unjust and absurd as to
ake the father necessarly responsible in his own person, for the missleeds of his child. This
severing of the legal tie, to, which I have just severing of the legal tie, to, which I have just
alluded, is possible for the father who does not
wish that his daughter's crime should be pisted upoo biam. It is done by surrendering
to those who bave made the complanot.

Ceeilius bounded on bis seat.
'What!' he cried; ' I would surrender roy daugbter to the Pontiffs? And what would
they do with her ${ }^{\text {? }}$
: What will you? It must be you or she, or rather both of you,' retorted Regulus coolly,
' noxa caput sequitur, ualess the separation takes place.
:How can this be, andi to what daoger are exposed? 'You are not threatened with personal punishment; and pet
said Rpulus.
amount to the same thing? In he name of the gods, explain your words, my lord Regulus,
cried the rretched fatber, raling bis bands in supplicution.
unfortunately but too simple. Formerly; unfortunately but too sinple. Formerly,
continued, putting great titress on his words,
'when the religous feeling, so weak nowadays, pas all powerful, your daughter would bave in evitably incurreut the servitude of the penaits,
that is to say, would have been condemaed beng an inforior gov, the penalto of the second
degree would bave been applied. When the
 do not thiok,' remarked the lawper uncon ceruedly, ' that shmgs mill be pashed so far.
And yet, I wrould not affirm it for the dipine
Domitian has undertaken to rest Domptian has undertaken 10 restore the crees
Bot he is absent, and thanks to this circumstanc the Pontiffs map not be so stringent. It is pro
bable they may be satisfied with a beary sum or money in reparation for the sacrilege, sap twen
chousand sesterti, which pou will be obliged pay in your qualty of ber father, for, accordsog
to law, the proseculton must be aganst yourself - tecum est zetio.' But, at all events, of nay daughter does not abjure her I cannot pay ibe twenty thousand sestertii. tiu' replied the lamyer positivelp, 'the Pontiff mill enforce the sale of your body to recover the
judgment. This is why I have just told you that The uobappy Cecilius was borribly pale. He found nothing to refute 10 Ihese ryorous conse
quences mbich he bad not perceived at firsl, but which now appeared perfectly clear to bim.-
Often, in bis office of Fiscal Agent, be had ex solvents, and had caused them to be sold at allc tion. Why should the Pontiffs abstain from this taw nlaced in the hands of all credtors? The in
His trouble did not escape Regulus. The in former distilied with skilful cruelty the mord
Which fell 1 nto Cecilius' heart like so many drop 'Happily' be resumed, 'to all these causes of grave anxiety, there remans the remedy
noral abandonnent.?
And os Cecilus made a gesture of uncon And es Cecilius
querable repugance:
'How!' cried the tempter, ' can you hestate to give up a daughter who has not feared to ex-
pose pou to such terrible misfortunes, by her
sacrilegrous act, and who abandons you to those dangers by her obstinate relusal to abjure ber
 coenon Whom we have forgotten, hut who wir
cale possescion of me! Even if I should sur-
render ray daughter to the Pontiffs, would that save me from Parmenon? The judgment s legal and I do not see bow to
apord this dificulty? replied Regulus. 'It is to-day,' resumed Cecilius, 'that Par
cueson is to demand rhat 1 owed Gurges, and i E do not pay birm- which must bappen, for I hay, aot one huadred sesterth-I must expect .... avordable, unjess
<Unless what

Wnless what?' asked Cecilius anxiously.
C Why unless jou should do Wrth Parmenon
at pou can do with the Pontifls? What you can do with the Ponthfls,'
'The noxal abandonment! alwa abandonment!' cried the wretch with bitter an ¿Not preciself; said the lawyer with cudis-
erbed colmosss: 'The noxal abandonment ean only tiske place when a miscemeanor bas bee esceditior by surrenderiog permits us to to satisfy
crich belongs to creditor by surrendering
you, she is your thog, in
'So, it is the
 come bere to consult me in pour embarrassiments
sin I I suggest the ondy meana by whec jou can get out of ibem. Do as you please, what con
cern of mine is it. The gods are witness that As be said theie words, a young chidd ran so the room and sprang jagfully on bis knees.
was bis son. Tine wretch caressed the cbild tenderly, an
after playing a while with him kissed his tail after play
young brow
On the Cecilius, I I awear that what I bave saulu has no been to deceive you, but was dretatod by my de And juthrg down his little son, he led him by
the band to the door where a slave took charge

## of him.

 He now sam Regulus under another light ; bis confidence was strengthened; he could not thiokthat the man who had shown bimself a loving father, and had swora an oath on his child's head When Repulus returned he found Cecilius oubing bitterly:
A All is lost? An Cears ; ' save me! my lord Regulus, save ing
daughter! In the name of the gods, prolect ' Bul,' sald Regulus, ' your salration is in your
own hands. It will not be my fault it your daughter persists in accomplishing her ruin and
our own. I hold out my hand to te who can rake it. I let him drown who is too far from
the shore, or who will ont a vail himself of my aid. The g ,
more, I thisk,
Cecillus, ab 'Come,' satd the lawger, mishong to strike the last blow, 'thys consultation has lasted already
oo long, it must come to an end I sball recain len
itulate, histep attentivels and you can decide
ifterwards: By Hercules! I did not get you in his plight. L'sten'?
Ceclia's father looked
'Tbis Parmenon,' resumed the lawrer, pur-
from injuring you, becomes a suprema resource. or you have the means of satisfying him. This rected to you, falls upon bum, the law is postive.
It is then Parmenon who must pay this monep,
 ganst ibe father. As to pour place, I don't
se, if the matter ts settled in this way, why they hould not discbarge you. By this act of courage
ou mill shom tbat you are not friendly to the Jews of Capena Gate. This is all I can say to
pou, mp dear client. Think over it. I must go ou, my dear
io the Forum.'
Regulus voss and snayped his fingers--lhe
Roman way to summon a slape, in those days.
The oomenclator who lad admitted Cecilus Swered the sommons.
'Shom this citizan the way,' sad Regutus. When the door of the ex
wrer found bimself alone:
''The soil was very hard,' said be, ' but I bare done like the rain, I bave diluted it. And nom,
Parmenon caa be brougt forward. Will the wretch act at the precise

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MONTREAL, FRIDAY, SEFT. 24, 1869 ecolesiastioal calendar.

news of tee werk.
By all accounts the bealth of Louls Napoleon is improving: but that for a time he was serious-
If, dangerously ill is now pretty generally admitted. The precise pature of the disease wit whicb be bas been afflictes, and with which he is stll menaced, is not mentioned, but it seems
that he is liabie to suffer from a complication of diseases, and a general break up of his constituhon is binted at. The rumors of a regency, in
which the soung Prioce Imperial will be called pon to take part, are still rife. The majority of the Prince we are told, will be proclamed in the mooth of March next.
The Irsh Land Question, and what Mr. Gladone will do with it? the release of the Fe bian prisoners-and the relations betwist Great of discussion in the English papers. At to the first, no one pretends to be able to give an an-
swer. That sometbing has to be done with regard to the tenure of land in Ireland - and done
quickly, and that Mr . Gladstone has a scheme, more or less matured, in his portfolio, are things taken for granted: but no one can say what ougbt to be done, or what Mr. Gladstone pro-
poses to co. The question of the release of the poses to co. Thian prisoners is perbaps one only of time; but
Fen the Government is no doubt at the present moment apprebeasive lest by acceding to the popu The thard question also as to the future relations The thard question also as to the future relations
of Great Britain with ber Colosies, is a most dif fcult question of which all that can be said is:ficult question of which all that can be susting relations must soon be modified many important particulars-but
bat direction we are not pet told
The Cracow Nun excitement has exploded at last, to the great disappontment and the lovers of anti-Catholic sensational tories. It turns out, as from the first we knew would be the case, to be a canard of the verita-
ble Marria Monk stamp, with a bottom of truth of course, but on which was erected a fearful
superstructure of falsehood. Of this the proof 15 clear-With all their desire to make out a case of cruelty or of deliberate neglect, aganst the Lads Superior and Sisters of the Cracorr Carmelite Convent, the judicial authorities have found them selres obliged to order the discharge of the sald Superior and ber assistants, there being in reality so grounds whatsoever for proceeding against them. In the same way, another convent case letter from the insane pun's relations, protesting against the scandalous language of the litera press, and expressing their gratitude to the pious upon an afficted relative.
ltaly for the moment is quiet, and Spain tor
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As the circumstances alluded to by the Mont real Witness of the 16 th nott., in an article upon, or rather to speak correctly, in a scurnlous libe against the gentlemen of the Seminary of S Sulpice, are likely to be sifted before a legal
tribunal, we do not deem it becoming to go ioto any details at present. We merely conlen ourselves with assuring our readers that
allegations of the Witness as to the misde meanors of a certain prest at the Late of Two Mountains are just as true, - (neitber more nor less so),-as was the story which he
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edtor was shortly afterwards forced to retract,an to apologize for, in the most abject fashon. This is all that we feel it our duty to say about th matter at the present moment, and pending an etigation which we hope will soon take place.
At the same time we would observe to some oo sensiture, that the Montrea! Witness is of no means a fair exponent of the sentiments to wards our Church and ber clergy, of the grea majority of our Protestant fellow-citizens: if it the morst teuds of old Ireland would floursh in Canada.
No. It is not from the Wriness that we would learn the sentiments towards us of ou Protestant neighbors, but rather from the :one
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ler who ples bis dirty trade in the Witness; for so they would do much towards preserving the so they would do much towards preserng ats which still happily exists, but which er denitly it is the mission of our evangelical slan-
derer to destroy. Let Protestant journalists but ask themselres what would be their feelingswhat kind of a morld we should live in, if we,
or Catholic journalists generally, were to follow be example of the Montreal Witness, and to publish every nasty scandalous story that reache our ears to the discredit of Protestant monsters.
If we do not do so, it is certainly not from lack of matter, for as erery one who has ever sat the editor's clair for a day must know, stories from all quarters, and many of them apparently well autbenticated, are almays pouring in with requests for "lasertion." We suppress then publish a story detrimental to another, which be does not know to be true - and the pub lication of which will not promote some useful end. There are of course-where are ther
not 3-black sheep in the ranks of the Protestan clergy; but God forbid that we, or our co relt glonists, should
traduce a whole body of men, because of the ex ceptional transgressions of some of their mem bers. God forbid thai we, or that they, should do as does the Witness-either invent lies, or hire dirty knaves to concoct them for us, as did the Witness in the case of the attacks upon the Catholic Deaf and Dumb Asglum.

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Secondly-Tbe sole crime of which the Nuns of Carmelite Convent can be accused is that of imprudence, or error of judgment * in haviog given shelter to an insane member of their comheir part, and certanty more to their material advantage, if on the first symptoms of her malady declaring tbemselves, they had turned her cut into the streets. Instead of this, they took care of her to the best of ther abilnies, and, in so far as her anily destroyed every bing within her reachllowed. There was no attempt at enncealment, for the relatives of the insane nun Barbara effort to rulease the othar nuns from the heary and disagreable charge imposed on them : waitst be poor creature berself was regularly visited by the, medical attendants of the hospital. That made good agabat the Carmelite conjent oretty evident from this:-That, in spite of the desire of the Liberals to get up a case agans Convents, and the temper of the popular party prove aganast the Superior of the Carmelite Convent either intentional cruelty, or culpable Had it been possible to obtain a ver dict against the nuns, even from such bitterly nstututions as the Cracom judieral autborities, astitutions as the Cracow juctieal authorities, ould long ago have been triumphantly published in all the anti-Calkolic papers of Europe. Their
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udicial authorties of Cracow bave been unable do so.
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2. How, if the story as told br the papers be evidently false io any one of its details, can any eliance whatsoerer be placed on tis other
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## Will the Montreal Witness answer

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Holy and Unholy Matrimony. - In everal of our Protestant exchanges we fiod the Following paragraph:-

We quote this paragraph as an instance of the nconsstency of Protestants-an inconsistency in one sense, bighty crediable to them. Their stincts as Christans revolt agalust their own principles, when reduced to practice. For that but the disgraceful sheet at Chicago advocates, of the principles laid down by modern liberals, enforced by all your modern progressive govern ents, and adrocated by all the champions o and Marriage,
and in America.
We have never seen the "disgraceful sheet" question, but of course we understand that Wat which it advocates is not the abolition of too of marriage as a divine insitution, imposing uties as well as conterring rights. It is the aboition of "holy matrimong," as distinguished sexes, that the Cbicago paper adrocates.
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And if it be disgraceful to adrocate the abso then mancipation of woman from man's control of both Continents, nay that the House of Com mons itself, are tarred with the same brush ; these most certanly have already gone a long way in the same direet
We do not pretend to take up the cudgels in defence of that sheet, or its theories ; but this Thet, if marriage be but a civil contrazt, ther is nothing disgraceful in advocating its a bolition for on that hypothesis there is no myral differ
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ant ; but in the case of firms they must nothing.
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Pauper Impigration. - Miss Rge, so we rarn fron the Toronto Globe, was to have England, there to make up her first instalment of pauper children for Canada. The chaldren re to be taken from the several work-houses England, and will be consıgned to Miss Rye by Oa their arrival thes will be stored, until disposed of, in the old gaol at Niagara, which Miss Rpe
engaged and fitted up for the purpose.
We disclaim any intention of sayıg one wo yainst Miss Rye, or ber motives; but, should hese tines meet the eyes of any of our Catbolic ontemporaries in Eogland, we take the hberty of laroking their and to ward off the dangers to Which it is to be apprehended many pauper Ca holic children will be exposed in Canada, should Miss Rye be allowed to carry out her scheme.
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her motives, that scheme will be made to work as an inslrument, as murch for proselytism, as lor urround it with proper safeguard.
In the English workhouses there are unfortu tely to be found many destitute children, of rrish and Calholic parents. Now it would be monstrous to eatrust, upon any pretence whatsoever, any of these children to Miss Rye, who herself a Protestant, will naturally consign ber living cargo of pauper chilluren, to Protestant



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Praters for the Dead. - The anhiquty Pis cuctom amongst the Jews is olten denied triksiauts. It has, however, lately received Falashas, or Jewish Absssinians, by M. Halevy, a notice of which work by the Jewish Chrnnicie is reprodaced in the Loudon Times:




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as the "Hanukah and Purin," they do not ob. serre, as these are of comparitively modera
origin; but they still retain the practise of prayers for the dead.

The Independence of Canada. - This the tille of a pamphlet which we have receired he Agricultural Society of the Couts of Misisquol, on Sept. 8th, by the Hon. L. S. Huntngton, Q. C., member for the County of Shefford. The views of the speater are ably adpo cated, but with them we cannot sympalhise, bold ing as we do that Independence is but a roun

Ecclesiastical Changes.-We leara frot our Protestant contemporaries that the Reverend
Miss Ruth A. Damon, for the past two years, Miss Ruth A. Damon, for the past two years,
pastor of the Universalist church at Cavendish, Vermont, has resigned, to marry a brother mini er from Ilisisois.

## Stormont, Sept. 18, 1869.

(To the Editor of the True Witness.)
Sir,-About a fortnight ago public notice w
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